

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-30 stand rejected. Applicants request further review and examination in view of the claimed amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1 – 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bernstein et al. (“The Microsoft Repository”) in view of Bernstein v2 (“The Microsoft Repository Version 2 and Open Information Model”). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections.

Claim 1

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art fails to teach or suggest at least “storing, by the operating system, the Items in a file system as filestreams, wherein the filestreams are managed within the context of the database management program.” Applicants have reviewed Bernstein 1 and Bernstein 2 and submit that they are not directed towards components of an operating system. Both Bernstein 1 and 2 are directed towards a “repository engine [that] sits on top of a SQL database system.” Applicants respectfully submit that Bernstein 1 and 2 are silent as to whether the SQL database system is a component of the operating system that is used by the operating system to store information.

Applicants submit that an operating system integrated with a database management program defines over the art of record since the operating system of claim 1 can use the integrated database management functionality to interpret the contents of the information it stores. As stated in the specification, traditional operating systems store information in a file system as “files” and these traditional operating systems are organized around the file-folder-and-directory. Since these existing file systems merely store streams of data they know little about the structure of data stored in individual files and, because of this, most of the information remains locked up in files that are only accessible (and comprehensible) to the applications that generate them. Consequently, in traditional operating systems this lack of schematic description of information, and mechanisms for managing information, leads to the creation of silos of data with little data sharing among the individual silos. An operating

system that is integrated with a database management program overcomes the problems associated with traditional operating systems and Applicants submit that the art of record fails to teach an operating system that includes a database management program. Accordingly, for at least these reasons Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1.

Insomuch as claims 2-10 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 they too patentably define over the cited art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of claims 2 – 10.

Independent claims 11 and 21 recite similar elements to that of claim 1 they patentably define over the art of record for at least similar reasons as claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of claims 11 and 21.

Insomuch as claims 12-20 and 22-30 depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 11 or 21 they too patentably define over the cited art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of claims 12-20 and 22-30.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request the Examiner reconsider the rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance of all the claims.

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